

was seriously entertained of bombarding the cottage with artillery, but to the civil authorities objected unless the military forces were prepared to give a guarantee that no other property would be injured. Then it was decided to blow up the dwelling with dynamite. The railway companies declined to transport so dangerous an explosive. They had a peculiar interest in prolonging the show. Arrangements were then made for transporting the bombs by motor cars. They were accompanied by a detachment of soldiers.

CREPT UP TO HOUSE.

On the tenth day after the beginning of the military siege, at 1 o'clock in the morning, accompanied by two sergeants and five sappers, protected by steel breast plates, crawled up to the cottage and laid something like a hundred pounds of dynamite against one of the walls. So stealthily did they do their work that they did not hear them. With equal success a long fuse was laid to the explosives.

EXPLOSION DID IT.

Two hours later a general bugle call sounded. It was the signal for all soldiers to stand out of danger. A few minutes later, at a distance of several hundred yards, the lieutenant ignited the fuse. A deafening explosion followed. When the smoke had cleared away it was found that one end of the building and part of the roof had been blown away. But the door still held fast. Some cartridges were placed against it and it was speedily shattered.

WAS MAKING ESCAPE.

A hasty search of the ruins failed to reveal any signs of the law-defying boy who had been apprised of its night and majesty in this stern fashion. But the vigilant better half of the mayor of the town was on the watch with a pair of field glasses. She espied a figure gliding through a field of corn some 200 yards distant and raised the alarm. An excited crowd made a run for the spot. Roy—for it was he—started to run. With a yell the mob sped after him. The explosion had left him in no condition for a sprint race and they soon overtook him. Kicked, buffeted and spat upon, there would soon have been an end of him if some gentlemen had not galloped up and taken him in charge.

A NICE PROBLEM.

When he recovered consciousness some hours later he said that he had been asleep with a rifle by his side when the explosion had occurred and taking advantage of the fall of smoke that overhung the place had bolted through the breach in the wall. That he escaped serious injury by the explosion is hardly less than miraculous. He might have been able to get clear away but for the vigilance of the mayor's wife. He said that he felt secure against a night assault because he had a law book in the house in which he read that no legal process could be served between sunset and sunrise. He construed that as barring bombs between those hours and therefore regarded himself as the victim of illegal methods.

But his defense has set France a new military problem. If one man can resist 500 soldiers for 10 days how many men will it require to execute "la revanche" on Germany and take Berlin to say nothing of all the forts that lie between it and the frontier?

WIFE OF A NOTED FRENCH AUTHOR.

Mme. Edmond Rostand, herewith depicted, is the talented wife of the young French poet and playwright who wrote "Cyrano de Bergerac" and "The Roman Tragedy."

Mme. Rostand is a great dramatist.



is talent and in one of the cleverest amateur actresses in Paris. She is in great demand in society theatricals, and her own little entertainments are among the most popular and exclusive social affairs in the republic.

DETECTED THE COUNTERFEIT.

"We have a man in this office," remarked one of the officials of the Treasury department the other day. "Who is without a peer anywhere in the country when it comes to spotting a counterfeit coin. His faculty for telling the spurious product has been developed to a remarkable degree. He gave an illustration of his skill the other day. On that table in the corner there were piled up a couple hundred half-dollars. Apparently they were all sound and genuine specimens from the government mint. Our expert walked into the room, and, giving one glance at the pile of halves, twenty-five feet distant, he quietly remarked: 'There's a counterfeit in that stack.' 'He then stepped up to the table and pulled a coin from out of the middle of the pile. It was tested and found to be spurious. I asked the man to tell how he discovered the counterfeit. 'By the reflection of the light,' he replied. 'The rays cast from that coin were wholly different from those sent out by the other pieces. That coin stood out as distinctly from the rest as a blood-red poppy in a field of white roses.'—Brooklyn Eagle.

AN HONEST WOMAN.

One evening a dumpy little woman, with solemn eyes holding by the hand two dumpy little boys, also with solemn eyes, came to the box office of a theater where a western variety troupe was playing. Handing in a quarter, she asked meekly for the best seat she could get for the money. As the ticket man handed out the desired piece of cardboard, his eye fell upon the upturned faces of the children. 'These children must have tickets if you take them in,' he said. A distressed look came into the little woman's eyes and she answered: 'Oh no, mister! I never pay for them. I wouldn't bring them along only their father works at nights and there is no one to leave them with. I never can spare more than a quarter, and I just love to see a show. We don't cheat you any mister, for they both go sound asleep just as soon as

they get into a seat, and don't see a single bit of the show.' The argument, or the anxious eyes, convinced the ticket man, and the two children were allowed to go in. Toward the end of the second act, one of the fathers came out of the auditorium and handed a 25 cent piece to the ticket man.

THE LAST OF A FAMOUS CALIFORNIA FAMILY.

Beautiful in feature and beautiful in character, the last representative of the well known Crocker family a few days ago slipped away into the great hereafter. Mrs. Sarah E. McKee, widow of the late Rev. Joseph McKee, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. I. C. Curtis, 210 South Olive street. She was aged 80 years, and without attendant suffering her life peacefully ebbed away.

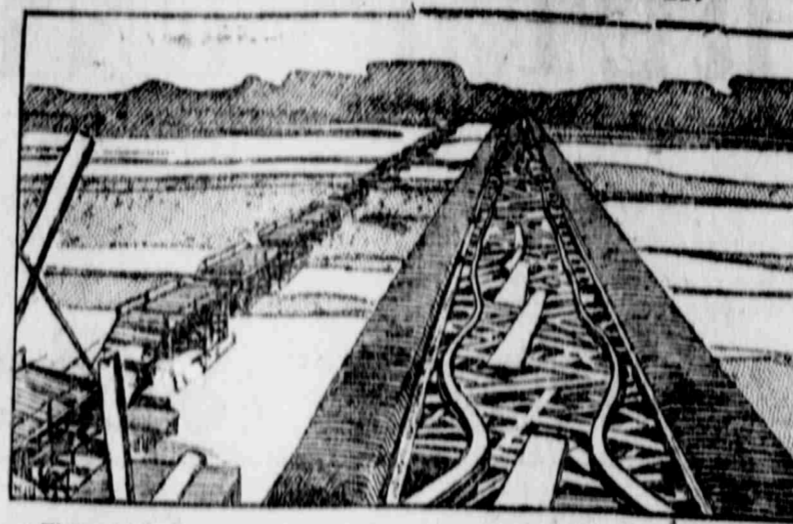
Mrs. McKee came to this city from Troy, N. Y., with her husband in 1872, becoming pastor of the First United Presbyterian church. After his death she remained constant to the church of

her choice, and during all the years that have intervened since has been the good angel of her denomination. Wherever there was suffering and discouragement her gentle hand and benevolent face were seen to comfort and strengthen, and wherever grief was apparent there her means were divided to lend aid and succor.

UNCLE SAM'S BIG FARM.

Baltimore American.—It is estimated that the total area for farming purposes in the United States is \$1,000,000,000, an area larger than England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, France, Germany, Austria, Spain, Japan and the Transvaal. There are 34,439,999 persons engaged in agricultural pursuits, while all other industries employ but 15,430,000.

HOW THE JAPANESE ADVANCE IS DELAYED.



The cut illustrates quite forcibly the manner in which the retreating Russians devastate the country as they move. The pursuing Japanese find the railroads badly damaged and the bridges either blown up or torn to pieces. The mikado's engineers are kept constantly busy at repairing these wrecks, and this much time is consumed. This, however, is precisely what is intended, since the longer the delay the less chance there is to be overtaken. If the streams are fordable and will admit of the passage of the supply wagons the Japanese do not wait to repair the dismantled bridges.

ONLY SULKY RACING DOGS IN THE WORLD.



As far as is known the two dogs shown in the cut are the only ones that have been trained to follow the race track driven to sulks. These intelligent and speedy St. Bernards are the property of the little boy and girl who are driving them, the children of M. J. Brooks of Franklin, N. H. Juno and Macot, as they are called, show the true racing spirit and are eager to win. When their young drivers hold a tight rein the dogs trot, and when given full rein they break into a run, and a speedy one. These novel racing animals are only a year old. Their enterprising breeder intends to make dog racing popular.



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Here's another remarkable dress goods bargain, regular 85c to \$1.00 fabrics, all strictly highest grades, of volles, crepes, batistes, panamas, silk poplins, etc., to be closed out at

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SHIRT WAIST SUIT SPECIALS

You would scarcely believe that such pretty suits could be purchased for \$2.65. They are made of fine chambray in pink, blue and champagne, and trimmed with self straps piped with white. Skirts are pleated full from knee, a special leader with us at \$6.95. Any brilliant and stylish shirt waist suit in house at \$6.95. On account of the lines being broken we have placed all our best selling suits (which are made up in the season's latest styles, and come in all colors, all sizes) in one lot, marked down for this sale value to \$20.00. Silk shirt waist suits at a sensational cut price, made in all the new tailored jacket and shirt waist styles. Here are certainly bargains that will interest you. We have selected 50 of our clearest suits in all colors, all sizes, not odds and ends picked up here and there, but the most desirable styles. Every one high class in every respect. Some were received only a few days ago, and were bought to sell for \$35.00. This week's special leader in silk suits, choice while they last.

19.75

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CORSET COVERS. White muslin, full French shape, lace finished with tulle, ribbon drawn, regular price 25c. White cambric, round yoke of insertion, heading and ribbon, regular price 75c. **DRAWERS.** Of white muslin, wide ruffle trimmed with fine tulle and hemstitched hem, regular price 25c. White cambric, wide umbrella ruffle, trimmed with fine tulle and English embroidery or Val. insertion and lace, regular price \$1.00. **GOWNS.** White muslin Mother Hubbard shape yoke of fine hemstitched tulle, regular price 50c. White cambric, round or high neck, slip-over styles, trimmed with tulle, insertion, fine tulle and lace or fine embroidery and insertion, regular price \$1.25. **SKIRTS.** White muslin, deep flounce with four rows of lace insertion and lace edge or wide embroidery ruffle, regular price \$1.00. White muslin with deep lawn flounce trimmed with two rows of tulle insertion and wide tulle lace or wide embroidery and insertion, regular price \$1.98. \$2.50.

NEW WASH SKIRT SPECIALS

Polka dot, duck skirts, black and navy, 95c strap and button trimmed. Linen crash skirts, cluster tucked, strap \$1.50 and self covered button trimmed. Skirts of snowflake cotton mixtures, made with flaring pleats from knee \$1.75. White pique skirts, cut in newest model, \$2.65. White brilliant skirts, cut in newest model, \$2.65. These will attract the attention of every stylish woman who appreciates perfection in style, workmanship and material.

SACQUE SPECIAL.

Percale and lawn sacques, all sizes, 32 to 48, and all are made extra full cut, too. They are daintily trimmed on fancy pointed cape, collar and cuffs with self or figured cloth. One of the best values ever offered in city. They are actually 75c sacques. Special \$35c.

LONG KIMONA SPECIALS.

Dainty figured lawns, dark medium and light grounds, good full styles, bought to sell for \$1.75. Special \$98c.

Ribbon Special.

40c quality lustrous mesaline taffeta, exquisite soft finish, comes in black and colors. No. 100, width 5 inches, most desirable for sashes and all general purposes, cut to, per yard 29c.

White Bed Spreads.

Special offering in a Marseilles pattern, white bed quilt, full double bed size, pearl hemmed, ready for use, \$1.50 quality, cut to, 1.19.



New Shipment of 50c Neckwear

SPECIAL PRICES. A handsome collection of new designs in flat net, stocks, striped, ribbon and head trimmed, also new designs in embroidered and lace trimmed styles, regular 50c collars. 35c.

Summer Curtains.

Handsome washable madras curtains in plain and flaked madras, fringe trimmed, excellent for summer use, cool and washable. Big line to select from at (per pair) \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.75, \$2.00 and \$2.50.

Tapestry Curtains.

Handsome design tapestry covers in red, green, olive, green and gold, etc., fringed all round, 8-1 size, worth \$1.50, special \$1.50. 8-4 size tapestry table covers, extra heavy quality all rich color combinations, and fringed all round \$2.50.

A Great Special Offer At The Notion Counter!

Box of 12 spools of Richardson's "BEST" sewing silk black or colors, adapted for machine or hand sewing, per dozen only 25c.

CHILDREN'S DRESS SPECIALS!

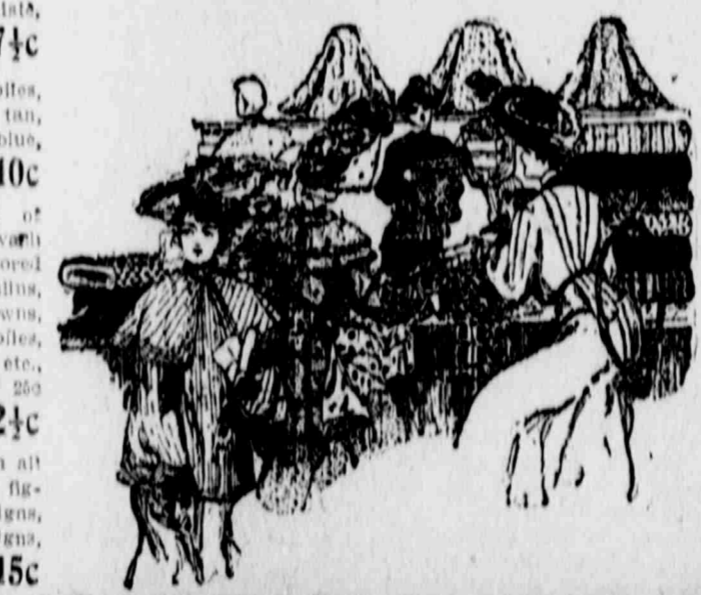
One large assortment of children's dresses made of quiete soft finish, chambray and percale, all good, full styles and daintily trimmed, all colors, ages 6 to 14 years, values up to \$1.35. 65 cts. Another almost complete assortment of children's dresses, of quiete soft finish, chambray and percale. The styles are too numerous to describe but we must say their values are superior to anything we have thus far shown. All colors, ages 6 to 14 years and some bought to sell for \$1.75. \$1.10.



Special Wash Goods Features!

FOR ONE WEEK ONLY!

31-inch Ellerslie batiste, regular 74c. 15c quality of plain volles, excellent colors, black, tan, champagne, green, blue, navy, etc., cut to, 10c. An immense range of very handsome new wash fabrics such as colored Swisses, sheer muslins, black lace striped lawns, taffetas, fancy volles, knicker suits, etc., etc., regular 15c, 20c and 25c values, cut to, per yard, 12c. Best quality lawns in all newest colors, dotted, figured and floral designs, handsome range of designs, the 25c quality cut to, per yard, 15c. Fancy dress volles, dotted, flaked and corded designs, full color assortments and highly popular this season, cut from 30c to, per yard, only 20c. Handsome Swiss organ-dies, new soft finish and beautiful floral printings, and rich twilled combinations, regular 60c quality, cut to, per yard, 39c. Exquisite range of white embroidered Swisses, rich and sheer, variety of new figured designs all latest importations, 75c fabrics, cut for this week to, per yard, 50c.



Great Parasol Clearance.

INCLUDING SOME OF THE HANDSOMEST PLAIN AND FANCY CHIFFON TRIMMED PARASOLS EVER SHOWN. Regular 35c children's parasols to be closed out at 19c. Regular 75c children's parasols to be closed out at 35c. All the ladies' silk parasols that sold up to \$4.50 to be closed out at only \$1.00. Every parasol in the house that sold from \$5.00 up to be closed out at only \$2.00.

WAIST SPECIALS.

Fine India linen waist, tucked sleeves and collar, fronts tucked and trimmed with rows of embroidery, insertion, alternated with Val. lace insertion 90c. At \$2.95 a very strong line of white Persian lawn, lace trimmed waists, other styles in dotted Swisses with lace yoke designs, natty styles in embroidery effects as well as in the tailored linen garments, special \$2.95.

